



**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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**Minutes for the June 14, 2022  
Regular Meeting – Q2 2022  
Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Planning Committee  
Boehlert Center at Union Station  
Oneida County Department of Planning Conference Room**

*Administered by: Herkimer-Oneida Counties Transportation Council (HOCTC) MPO*

Call to order at 9:38 a.m. made by Mark Nagele, Chairman.

**1. Roll Call**

Voting Members Present

Mark Nagele	Chairman, Superintendent, Herkimer County Highways Department
Mark Laramie	Commissioner, Oneida County Public Works Department
<i>Jeff Quackenbush</i>	<i>Representing James Genovese, Oneida County Planning Commissioner</i>
Deb Windecker	Regional Planning and Program Manager, NYSDOT Region 2
E.J. Moses	Director of Facilities, CNYRTA/Centro
Derek Crossman	City of Utica
<i>Garret Wychoff</i>	<i>Representing Matt Andrews, Community &amp; Economic Development, City of Rome</i>
Sara Sherlock	NYS Thruway Authority

Non-Voting Members Present

Mark DeRocco, P.E.	Assistant Regional Planning and Program Manager & HOCTS Liaison, NYSDOT Region 2
Nicole Harris	NYSDOT Region 2
Samantha Morcone	NYSDOT Region 2
Christine LaBuzzetta	NYSDOT Region 2
Don Adams	Creighton Manning
Kelly Walters	Executive Director, 50 Forward Mohawk Valley
	Dana Crisino, AICP Director, HOCTC
Barb Hauck	Principal Planner, HOCTC

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

- Motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting as submitted made by: E.J. Moses

- Seconded by: Deb Windecker
- Voting: Passed, 8-0-0

### **3. Public Comment**

- No public comment.

### **4. Director's Report**

- Dana Crisino gave a synopsis of HOCTC activities for the past quarter.
  - TIP development: The draft 2023-2027 TIP will be the focus of the August/September TPC. One change will be having all projects in the illustrative section, with the exception of the few that have approved funding. The illustrative projects will be ready for when funding does become available.
  - EV Dashboard: Jeff Quackenbush explained that this would be the first of its kind in the state. The dashboard will show trends and actual EV charging stations in the county. It will also zoom in on any available parking spots and will have real time data for any new charging stations.
  - Transportation Program Manager: Due to Dana's promotion to a Deputy Planning Commissioner, along with Jeff Quackenbush also as a Deputy Planning Commissioner, Oneida County hired a new HOCTC Transportation Program Manager, Julie Richmond; she will start July 28, 2022. Dana will still be overseeing the transportation program, in addition to her other planning projects/programs.

### **5. NYSDOT Region 2 Report**

- Deb Windecker gave a report on the activities that NYSDOT Region 2 has performed in the last quarter.
- NYSDOT's Five Year Capital Plan is \$32.8 billion for SFY 22-23 through SFY 26-27 and took in account the IIAJ. It is a 40% increase over the previous five-year plan; and the plan will help build the new TIP/STIP, which will be brought for TPC/GP&L approval in September. It includes the following:
  - Bridge NY \$1B over 5years, which is an increase from \$100M/year to \$200M/year.
  - Department is exploring options to award additional funding.
  - \$538 million for CHIPS
  - \$150 million for Pave-NY
  - \$100 million for Extreme Weather Recovery (EWR)
  - \$100 million for State Touring Route road revitalization (new in 2021)
  - \$100 million for New program – Operation Pave our Potholes.
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- Funding is available to a range of recipients through a mix of formula and discretionary programs and grants.
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A): A general overview webinar was held June 13, and a webinar for Action Plan Grants will be Wednesday June 15, 1-3pm. The deadline for application submission is September 15, 2022 at 5pm.
- Bridge Investment Program: Grant opportunity announced June 10, 2022; \$2.36B (\$20M) Planning Funds available. Projects of \$2.5M minimum-\$100M maximum can apply for up to 90% grant funding for Off-system bridges grant. The deadline is September 8, 2022. It was noted that the Parkway's Livable Communities program may be a part of it, as well as parts of the HOCTC's LRTP. It was further noted that bridge projects can be bundled together for greater regional impact.
- The North Genesee Street Multi-Modal Connector and Bridge Replacement: An \$18M RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Grant was submitted in April 2022. In addition, a \$25M Multi-Discretionary Grant Program (MDGB)-Rural application was submitted in May 2022. Awards will be announced in the fall.
- State Projects Under Construction
  - Route 51 (Otsego St.) over Steele Creek for a bridge replacement in the Village of Ilion in Herkimer County. Contract was awarded to Rifenburg for \$3.8 million.
  - Route 5S over Route 51 for a deck replacement in the Village of Ilion in Herkimer County. Contract was awarded to Slate Hill for \$1.6 million.
  - Route 26/365 for a Safety and Pavement project in the City of Rome in Oneida County. The contract was awarded to Hanson for \$6.7 million.
  - Route 8 over Routes 5 & 12 bridge replacement project. Three ramps will be closed April through August and the completion is scheduled for fall 2022.
- Local Projects Under Construction
  - Middle Settlement, New Harford. Contract was awarded to CCI for \$4 million.
  - Oneida St. over Sauquoit Creek. Contract was awarded to DH Smith for \$1 million. Starting today Route 8 over Oneida Street will be closed for the project.
  - Mohawk River Trail, Phase 2. The 2018 TAP awarded project in Rome for a total project cost \$1 million.
  - Rts.8/5/12: Third ramp will be closed starting in April through the end of August. To be completed by Fall 2022.
- Local Projects for Fall Letting

- W. Main St. over Moyer Creek in the Village of Frankfort. A 2018 BridgeNY project for \$4.5 million. The project is progressing.
- DOT Staff Updates.
  - Ron Epstein, Assistant Commissioner Policy & Planning, CFO retired in April 2022.
  - Dave Rettig, Planning & Program Management Office Director is retiring in June 2022.

## 6. Other Reports

- None

## 7. Presentations

- **Summary of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)**
  - Dana Crisino gave the following presentation: The IIJA was signed into law on November 15, 2021, which also includes a 5-year surface transportation bill.

IIJA cites a total guaranteed funding amount for \$567.5 billion for the following agencies/modes: FHWA/Highways, NHTSA/Safety, FMCSA/Safety, FTA/Transit, Office of the Secretary-Grant Programs, FRA/Rail, FAA/Airports, MARAD/Ports, and PHMSA/Pipeline Safety.

New Highway Grant Programs in IIJA, either formula or guaranteed, include the following: Bridge Investment Program, Congestion Relief, Charging & Fueling, Rural Surface Transportation Program, PROTECT/Resiliency, Reduce Truck Emissions at Ports, National Infrastructure Project Assistance, Safe Streets Program, Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program, Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program, Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, and Prioritization Pilot Program.

New Highway Competitive Grant Programs include the following: National Infrastructure Project Assistance, Bridge Investment Grants, Grants for Charging & Fueling Infrastructure, Rural Surface Transportation, Congestion Relief, Healthy Streets, Safe Streets for all Users, SMART Program, Truck Emissions at Ports, National Culvert Removal-Replacement-Restoration, Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative-Efficient-Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT), and Reconnecting Communities Pilot.

## 8. Old Business

- None

## 9. New Business

- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –09: Amendment to the 2020-2024 TIP to revise a Safety Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - Description: A project on the MPO TIP, PIN 2806.43– Guiderail & Signs Replacement Project 22 shall be revised to reflect a \$4,452,000 increase to the project cost and to change the STP Flex funding to STBG Flex funding.
  - Discussion: None.
  - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Mark Laramie
    - Seconded by: E.J. Moses
    - Voting: Passed, 8-0-0
  
- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –10: Amendment to the 2020-2024 TIP to add a Bridge Replacement Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - Description: A project shall be added to the MPO TIP: PIN 2047.07 – Route 921C (North Genesee Street) over Mohawk River, Harbor Lock Road and Erie Canal Bridge Replacement Project of \$38,052,000.
  - Discussion: None.
  - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Mark Laramie
    - Seconded by: E.J. Moses
    - Voting: Passed, 8-0-0
  
- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –11: Amendment to the 2020-2024 TIP to add a Bridge Project**, presented by Mark DeRocco.
  - Description: A project shall be added to the MPO TIP: PIN 2754.74 – Utica Harbor Pedestrian Bridge in the amount of \$2,000,000.
  - Discussion: None.
  - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Deb Windecker
    - Seconded by: Jeff Quackenbush
    - Voting: Passed, 8-0-0
  
- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –12: Amendment to the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget**, presented by Dana Crisino.
  - Description: The 2022-2023 UPWP budget shall be amended to reflect the FHWA PL base allocation increase effective April 1, 2023, and budget tables be revised accordingly. It was noted that the new total for the FHWA PL Budget table should be \$919,760.
  - Discussion: None.
  - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Mark Nagele
    - Seconded by: Mark Laramie
    - Voting: Passed, 8-0-0

- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –13: Amendment to the HOCTC Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan 2021-2024 to update Appendix 1**, presented by Barb Hauck.
  - Description: Appendix 1 of the Plan shall be amended to include two additional projects, which are for LutheranCare, and The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter.
  - Discussion: None.
  - Motion to approve the resolution made by: E.J. Moses
    - Seconded by: Mark Nagele
    - Voting: Passed, 8-0-0
  
- **HOCTC Resolution 2022 –14: Support of CNYRTA’s Safety Performance Targets**, presented by Dana Crisino.
  - Description: FTA requires recipients of Section 5307 funds develop and implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), which sets safety performance targets for a transit system. CNYRTA adopted a PTASP on December 21, 2020, and is required make transit safety targets available to HOCTC. HOCTC must reflect the transit safety targets in the LRTP and TIP updated on or after July 20, 2021. Therefore, to support the CNYRTA transit safety targets, HOCTC will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of the safety targets.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion to approve the resolution made by: Deb Windecker
    - Seconded by: Mark Laramie
    - Voting: Passed, 8-0-0
  
- **Administrative Modifications to the 2020 – 2024 TIP**
  - Description: A report of the administrative modifications made to the MPO TIP in the last quarter was given as the following:

<b>ADMIN MOD. #</b>	<b>PIN</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>
2022 – 04MOD	280639	Culvert Repair and Replacement Project 22. ROW Acquisitions and ROW Incidentals will increase project cost by \$35,000.	NYSDOT
2022 – 05MOD	265057	2018 TAP Rome Wheels to Heels Streetscapes. Funding year for Construction and Construction Inspection changed from 2022 to 2023.	NYSDOT
2022 – 06MOD	213457	Route 5 French Road Interchange Bridge Repairs. Construction costs increased by \$336,000 to \$3,905,000.	NYSDOT

**10. Open Forum for Committee Discussion**

- Dana gave a TIP update: HOCTC and NYSDOT are reviewing the HOCTC TIP Modification process, which may include adjustments to the threshold amount due to inflation, deleting the E-Vote, and updating the Written Justification process.
- EJ Moses gave an update of their transit fleet. All Centro's buses will now have bike racks. Their next bus order in two years will have them and all of their current buses will be retrofitted with bike racks.
- Kelly Walters requested an update on the Oneida County Rural Transit (OCRT) system. Dana gave a brief status of the relaunch of OCRT and the direction it is going. Briefly: Although OCRT service is still suspended, the direction of the relaunch will be with Centro as the transit operator and joint meetings are ongoing to finalize the OCRT restart.
- Deb Windecker requested an update on the Thruway Exit 31 project. Dana is looking forward to when Julie Richmond is hired because she has experience with grants and RFPs. This will help in any expanded MPO tasks regarding the Exit 31 project move forward.

#### **11. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by: Mark Laramie
  - Voting: Passed, 8-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Barb Hauck, HOCTC